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HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER IS NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

The goal of the Newborn Screening Program is to prevent serious health problems through early screening. Obstetricians, midwives, pediatricians, nurses, and other health care providers can all play important roles in achieving this goal by educating new and expectant parents about the value and importance of newborn screening. Newborn screening education should begin prenatally and continue to be reinforced throughout the pregnancy and postnatally. When parents are educated about newborn screening they can take a more active role in the health and well-being of their children. Parents should be encouraged to make sure their baby gets a newborn screen before discharge from the hospital or 24-48 hours after birth if born at home. Parents should also be encouraged to ask their baby's health care provider for the newborn screening results. For more information on newborn screening, please call 800-877-6264 or visit: <http://health.mo.gov/newbornscreening>.

SEPTEMBER IS SICKLE CELL DISEASE (SCD) AWARENESS MONTH

Newborn screening and comprehensive health care significantly reduce morbidity and mortality in infants with SCD. Newborn screening for SCD is now mandated by all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Missouri started universal screening of newborns to identify SCD in 1989. Each year approximately 40 babies are identified as having some form of SCD. Although SCD is present at birth, symptoms usually occur after four months of age. Prophylactic antibiotic treatment, parent counseling, and continual observation of the child's health greatly reduces deaths from bacteremia, pneumonia, and meningitis, and can considerably improve health outcomes. Other benefits of newborn sickle cell screening include the identification of individuals with sickle cell trait and other hemoglobin disorders, as well as couples at risk for having a child with a hemoglobin disease. For additional information about sickle cell newborn screening, visit: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/genetics/sicklecell/index.php>.

CHILD CARE SANITATION INSPECTION REIMBURSEMENT

As a reminder, the last day of the current (4th) billing quarter is September 30. LPHAs are encouraged to submit their reimbursement request as soon as possible. Reimbursement requests for 4th quarter must be received by DHSS no later than **October 9**. Requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement requests to us by October 9, please contact Breanna Werdehausen immediately at Breanna.Werdehausen@health.mo.gov.

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- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
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- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GAY MEN'S HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (HIV/AIDS) AWARENESS DAY 2015

National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NGMHAAD) is September 27. *Start Talking. Stop HIV.* is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Act Against AIDS initiative that seeks to reduce new HIV infections among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men by encouraging open discussion about a range of HIV prevention strategies and related sexual health issues. Campaign resources are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/actagainstaids/campaigns/starttalking/>. Did you know that there are HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications? Learn more about how individuals can protect themselves with PrEP at <https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/prevention/reduce-your-risk/pre-exposure-prophylaxis/>. The CDC and the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis encourage the use of routine, opt-out HIV screening in all healthcare settings. For more information, please contact the Bureau at 573-751-6439.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) REIMBURSEMENT

As a reminder, the SFSP ended on September 15. If all SFSP inspections are complete, local public health agencies are encouraged to submit their reimbursement request (DH-38) as soon as possible. Requests must be received by DHSS no later than **October 12**. Reimbursement requests submitted after this date may not be payable. If you have concerns about getting your reimbursement request to us by October 12, please contact Matt Boessen immediately at Matt.Boessen@health.mo.gov. Send the DH-38 to: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Environmental Health Services, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570; Attn: Matt Boessen.

WORLD RABIES DAY IS SEPTEMBER 28

Help spread the word in the community that rabies is a dangerous virus that anyone can get if they are bitten by an animal that has the disease. The Office of Veterinary Public Health (OVPH) has developed a [Rabies Toolkit](#) to outfit communities with rabies awareness materials that can be used to promote [World Rabies Day](#). However, communities can promote rabies awareness throughout the year since rabies is a [year-round threat](#) in Missouri. The toolkit includes a variety of [posters](#), brochures, [e-cards](#), web links, and other free useful materials. Check out the new [social messaging](#) resources that can be posted on Facebook and Twitter pages. To order any of the free materials from the toolkit, click [here](#). These materials help communities learn the importance of vaccinating pets and avoiding wild animals such as skunks and bats, and when to seek medical attention if you are bitten or scratched by an animal. Call OVPH at 573-526-4780 for additional information.

WE'RE JUST NOW ENTERING THE ACTIVE WEST NILE VIRUS SEASON!

The Office of Veterinary Public Health (OVPH) would like to remind local public health agencies (LPHAs) that late summer/early fall is the time of year when most human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) occur. Check out WNV prevention resources on the OVPH [on-line order form](#) to remind citizens and health care providers that the worst of the mosquito-borne disease season is not yet behind us. Mosquitoes can be active until the first hard frost of autumn. There is a [new mini bookmark](#) (stock #446); a flyer on [eliminating standing water](#) (stock #263) so mosquitoes cannot breed; [Facebook](#) announcements to post; [e-cards](#) to e-mail, and [public service announcements](#) to air on local stations. These materials emphasize that simple precautions such as using [effective mosquito repellents](#) (stock #584) and eliminating sources of standing water around the home can reduce the risk of contracting this illness. For more information, contact OVPH at 573-526-4780.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Update on October/November/December Missouri WIC and Nutrition Services (MOWINS) Changes
- More Information on Infant Fruit and Vegetable Foods – Single Jars and Twin Pack October 1
- REMINDER: University of Minnesota National Material Nutrition Intensive Course Seminar Telecast
- WIC Resources – Update
- **JOB OPENING:** WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor – St. Charles County Health Department

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

REGISTERED NURSE/PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Cape Girardeau

The Bureau of Special Health Care Needs has an opening for a Registered Nurse/Public Health Nurse Service Coordinator. This position is located in Cape Girardeau. For more information regarding hours and job duties, click [here](#). To apply, please complete and return a Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services application for employment, a cover letter, an up-to-date resume, and copies of transcripts. Application materials should be submitted to shsapplications@health.mo.gov or mailed to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs, Attn: Roselyn Wood, 920 Wildwood Drive, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570 no later than September 23.

MERIT CLASS RECRUITMENT OPENING

The Missouri Office of Administration is currently accepting applications until **September 23** to qualify individuals to be added to the following merit register:

Planner II

The Missouri Office of Administration is currently accepting applications until **September 24** to qualify individuals to be added to the following merit register:

Program Coordinator (Mental Health and Health and Senior Services)

The Missouri Office of Administration is currently accepting applications until **September 25** to qualify individuals to be added to the following merit register:

Epidemiology Specialist

Interested participants must apply and be determined eligible for the classification by completing an application at <https://www.ease.mo.gov/>. The above opportunities can be viewed at <http://joa.oa.mo.gov/MoJOA.aspx>.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B (PHB) CASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The Bureau of HIV, STD and Hepatitis is offering educational workshops on PHB Case Management during the fall of 2015. Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in several locations throughout the state. The workshop includes an overview of PHB case management, Hepatitis B lab interpretation, and instruction on WebSurv entry for PHB. These workshops will educate local public health agency staff on the importance of screening all women for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) during pregnancy; educating women and their families on the importance of infants completing the Hep B vaccination series; and post-vaccination serology testing. Please click [here](#) to register.

2015 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance is conducting Roundtable meetings for SFSP sponsors and community partners. Please RSVP by September 30 to Leslie Rumans at Leslie.Rumans@health.mo.gov. For more information, please see the attached [flyer](#).

MISSOURI CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM SURVEY (MOCHAPS): PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (PRAMS) TODDLERS AT TWO YEARS OLD – September 21

David G. McBride, Ph.D., MoCHAPS Coordinator, and Mary Mosley, M.A., MoCHAPS Data Manager with the Office of Epidemiology, will present an overview of the methodology and objectives of the MoCHAPS survey and its relation to the PRAMS, followed by selected indicators of maternal and toddler health in Missouri from 2007-2012. MoCHAPS was developed to provide a better understanding of what affects the health of very young children in Missouri. Many diverse factors can affect children's health and well-being and MoCHAPS provides statewide estimates of important health indicators. Collecting this essential health information allows for an assessment of the first few years of Missouri toddlers' lives. To join the meeting, click the following link: http://stateofmo.adobeconnect.com/september2015_epi_grand_rounds/ (*Please use first and last name when logging into the webinar*) or join us from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Wild Oak Conference Rooms on September 21.

SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN RABIES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT – October 9

This free, half-day rabies symposium and webinar broadcast will consist of presentations from rabies experts and provide a forum for discussion. The conference will bring together internationally recognized experts in rabies from academia, private, and public health disciplines. A concurrent live webinar broadcast of the symposium will allow for a broader audience to participate outside of the live site and will provide a recording for later viewing. To view the preliminary agenda, please click [here](#). Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Technicians, medical professionals, medical students, Health Educators, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Epidemiologists, laboratorians, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO's) Veterinarians, Veterinarian Technicians, and veterinary students will benefit from attending this FREE program. There is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required. To register, please click [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Peter Costa at pcosta@onehealthcommission.org.

20TH ANNUAL BI-STATE INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONFERENCE – October 16

The 20th Annual Bi-State Infectious Disease Conference will be held at the Marriott St. Louis Airport on Friday, October 16. This conference is jointly provided by Heartland National TB Center, Missouri and Illinois Public Health, and APIC-St. Louis Chapter 73. **Hot Topics** include: Antibiotic Stewardship, Emerging Illnesses, Fecal Transplantation, Occupational Health, Ebola: Lessons Learned Locally, C-difficile, CRE, TB and Adult Immunizations: What's Required. To register or for more information visit: www.bistateidconference.org/.

SHOW ME PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE – November 2-3

Show Me Partnerships is a joint Emergency Human Services Conference and Volunteer Symposium which will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Columbia. There is no cost to attend this conference and it will appeal to a wide variety of partners who may be called upon to assist in a mass care (shelter) event occurring anywhere in the state of Missouri. This includes, but is not limited to: LPHAs, Emergency Human Services partners, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), faith partners, COADs, VOADs, EMDs, PIOs. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. and sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunches and conference registration provided at no cost. Register on-line at: <https://health.mo.gov/emergencies/ert/showmepartnerships.php>. Reserve your room now by calling 573-442-6400. Mention that you are with the "SEMA Show Me Partnerships Conference". For additional information about this conference, please see the attached [flyer](#) or contact the SEMA Emergency Human Services Unit at 573-526-9247 or Steven.Tatlow@sema.dps.mo.gov. Note: This event will include an HSEEP-compliant exercise.

2015 IMMUNIZATION SYMPOSIUM – November 13

The Mid America Immunization Coalition extends an invitation to attend our 2015 Immunization Symposium, "Who Calls the Shots?". This annual event will be held on Friday, November 13, at the Overland Park Marriott, 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210. We are pleased to announce our featured speakers Paul A. Offit, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases and Director, Vaccine Education Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and William L. Atkinson, MD, MPH, Associate Director of Immunization Education, Immunization Action Coalition, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Register on-line at www.mchc.net. We hope to see you there!

8TH ANNUAL MISSOURI RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – November 18

In celebration of 'Missouri Rural Health Day', the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health will be holding their annual **Missouri Rural Health Conference** on **November 18** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference will focus on raising awareness of unique healthcare issues being faced by rural Missourians as well as recognizing achievements that are being made in our rural communities. The registration form, agenda, and meeting information is now available on our [Rural Health website](#). Please forward this announcement to your agencies and community partners and encourage their participation in this worthwhile event!

SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATOR – Gasconade County Health Department

The Administrator is responsible for executive work in directing operations of the public health programs of the Gasconade County Health Department. This position is responsible for overall operations through planning, developing, and directing public health programs of the local health department. Work includes assessment of community needs, contact with community groups, local officials, and the general public regarding public health issues. This position is responsible for coordinating the activities of the health department to assure compliance with state and federal laws and applicable policies and procedures. This position also supervises professional and clerical staff. Please submit to greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com or mail to the Board of Trustees, or Greg Lara, 300 Schiller St., Hermann, MO 65041. Please submit resume by **October 5**. The Gasconade County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

BRANCH MANAGER – Jefferson County Health Department

Jefferson County Health Department is seeking a full-time Branch Manager for our Arnold Office. This position supports company operations by maintaining office systems and supervising staff. This position also serves as local liaison for northern Jefferson County communities on public health issues. For more information, visit www.jeffcohealth.org. Submit resumes to: jeana.vidacak@jeffcohealth.org or HR Department, PO Box 437, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Resumes accepted through September 28.

FULL-TIME HEALTH EDUCATOR – Stoddard County Public Health Center

This position requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year university with a degree in a health promotion field. Please send resumes to the Stoddard County Public Health Center, Attn: HR Department, PO Box 277, Bloomfield, MO 63825. The Stoddard County Public Health Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FULL-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST – Stoddard County Public Health Center

This position requires a bachelor's degree and 15 semester hours in food, nutrition, and diet therapy. Please send resumes to the Stoddard County Public Health Center, Attn: HR Department, PO Box 277, Bloomfield, MO 63825. The Stoddard County Public Health Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Gail Vasterling, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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